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Anticipated Classification  
of this Application:  
☒ Class 358 ☒ Subclass 001180  
Prior Application  
Examiner: Iraj A. Rahimi  
Art Unit: 2622

**DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/382,499 filed August 25, 1999, by Hiroyasu KURASHINA (inventor(s) currently of record in prior application) for Character Printing Method and Device as Well as Image Forming Method and Device.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed, or a replacement specification which does not add new matter.
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CALCULATION OF FEES								
ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE
A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	17	-20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 0	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	1	-3	0	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	\$ 0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							\$ 0
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145	\$ 0
E	BASIC FEE						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385	\$ 770
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)							\$ 770
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 76							

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed.

5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claim(s) 1-75 and 93-119 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional of application Serial No. 09/382,499 filed August 25, 1999, which application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

7a. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.

7b. ☒ Priority of application Serial No(s).:

Japanese application Serial No. 10-244134 filed August 28, 1998,  
Japanese application Serial No. 10-244136 filed August 28, 1998,  
Japanese application Serial No. 10-244143 filed August 28, 1998 and  
Japanese application Serial No. 10-244144 filed August 28, 1998 is claimed  
under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

7c. ☒ The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/382,499, filed August 25, 1999.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION.

9. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is as listed on the attached copy of the declaration filed in the parent application.

a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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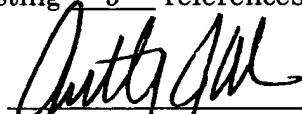
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d. ☐ A new Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

10. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

11. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Applicant no longer claims small entity status.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement listing 9 references is enclosed.

Date: January 14, 2004

  
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In re application of:

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Serial No: Not assigned (parent 09/382,499)

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Forming Method and Device

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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that

- ☒ two copies of a divisional application letter of transmittal
- ☒ check in amount of \$ 770.00 as filing fee
- ☒ patent application ( 347 page(s) of specification; 17 claim(s); 1 page(s) of abstract
- ☒ 76 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with 9 references
- ☒ return postcard

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